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Assistant District Attorney Matthew Schwartz Recognized by DEA

Rochester, NY- Today, Agent Timothy Kernan of the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration visited the Monroe County District Attorney's Office to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Matthew Schwarz, Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau. Schwarz, a 9 year veteran of the DA's office who's bureau handles drug prosecutions, has worked closely with the DEA on a number of recent operations, resulting on dozens of arrests as well as the confiscation of large quantities of drugs. While the success that the DEA has enjoyed in the Rochester region has increased dramatically over the past several months, cooperation between Federal agents and the Monroe County DA's office have been ongoing for 4 years, with Schwartz overseeing critical aspects of the investigations. Most recently, District Attorney Sandra Doorley "cross-designated" several DEA Agents as DA Investigators, giving those agents expanded authority to conduct investigations within New York State.

"The relationship between the Monroe County DA's Office, Monroe County law enforcement and the DEA has continually improved over the last few years, and that improvement has led to an increasing number of successful prosecutions," said Kernan, the Agent in Charge of the Rochester Office of the DEA. "While many deserve credit for working to keep this community safe from drugs, Matt Schwartz has been at the vanguard and has become an indispensable asset to our operations in this region. I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to recognize his hard work today."

The Monroe County District Attorney's Office Special Investigations Bureau will continue to work in close cooperation with the DEA, seeking opportunities to expanding its role and assist in drug related prosecutions.

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From Left To Right: Timothy Kernan of the DEA, Bureau Chief Matthew Schwartz, & Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley